

# The Ulster Medical Journal

The Journal of the Ulster Medical Society. First published in 1932.  
Successor to the Transactions of the Ulster Medical Society (1884–1929), and  
the Transactions of the Belfast Clinical and Pathological Society (1854–1862)

---

## *Editorial Board*

INGRID V ALLEN, MD, FRCPath	DB ARCHER, FRCS
AB ATKINSON, BSc, MD, FRCP	RSJ CLARKE, PhD, MD, FFARCS
JR HAYES, MD, FRCP	CJF RUSSELL, BDS, FRCS
TG PARKS, MCh, FRCS	NC NEVIN, BSc, MD, FFCM, FRCPath, FRCPEd, FRCP
W THOMPSON, BSc, MD, FRCOG	PM REILLY, MD, FRCGP, MICGP

## *Hon Editor*

DAVID R HADDEN, MD, FRCPEd, FRCP  
The Metabolic Unit, Royal Victoria Hospital, Belfast BT12 6BA

## *Hon Assistant Editor*

RJL WILSON, MD

## *Hon Treasurer*

ME CALLENDER, MD, FRCP  
Royal Victoria Hospital, Belfast BT12 6BA

## *Sub Editor*

Mrs EILISH DORAN, BA

---

The Ulster Medical Society was founded in 1862  
by the amalgamation of the Belfast Medical Society (founded 1806)  
and the Belfast Clinical and Pathological Society (founded 1853)

## THE ULSTER MEDICAL JOURNAL

---

### NOTICE TO CONTRIBUTORS

1. Authors are reminded that concise and clearly expressed papers are those most welcomed by readers and the Editorial Board. All manuscripts are independently refereed.
2. Manuscripts should be typewritten in double spacing, with wide margins. They should be fully corrected and alterations in proof may be disallowed or charged to the author. A sample typescript showing layout is available on request from the editorial office. Three copies of each manuscript should be submitted, including tables and figures.
3. The text should indicate the purpose of the paper, and should include an introduction, sections on materials and methods, results, and a discussion relevant to the findings. A brief factual summary should be provided at the beginning of the paper.
4. Scientific measurements should be in SI units (*Units, symbols and abbreviations; a guide for biological and medical editors and authors*, 3rd ed. London: Royal Society of Medicine, 1977). Blood pressure may be expressed in mmHg and haemoglobin concentration as g/dl.
5. Tables must be kept simple and vertical lines should be avoided. Tables and illustrations must be kept to a minimum and data should not be given in both text and tables. Line drawings should be used where possible and symbols must be large enough to be legible when reduced to text size. Where possible, size of illustrations and tables should be planned so that one or more can easily fit the page size of 19.5 x 12.5 cm. Photographs and other illustrations should be unmounted, and authors may be charged for these at cost price. Authors' names and the top of the figure should be marked in soft pencil on the back.
6. References should be restricted to those really necessary and useful. This journal uses the 'Vancouver' style (see British Medical Journal 1982; 1: 1766-70 and Lancet 1979; 1: 429-30). Text references are numerical. Each reference should include:
  - i) a list of all authors when six or less (when seven or more only the first three should be listed followed by *et al*).
  - ii) the title of the article.
  - iii) the title of the journal (abbreviated to the form published by Index Medicus).
  - iv) the year;
  - v) volume number;
  - vi) first and last pages.

eg  
McCoy GF, Dilworth GR, Yeates HA. The treatment of trochanteric fractures of the femur by the Ender method. *Ulster Med J* 1983; 52: 136-41.

Book references should give the author, title, edition, town of publication, name of publisher, year of publication, and, where appropriate, volume and page numbers.
7. Twenty-five reprints of each article will be forwarded free of charge to the corresponding author. Further reprints can be obtained from the printers, Messrs Dorman & Sons Ltd, 1-3 Holmes Street, Belfast BT2 7JG, who should be approached directly.
8. Editorial communications should be sent direct to the Editor who will be pleased to advise on the preparation of manuscripts if requested.

Fellows and Members of the Ulster Medical Society receive the Journal free. Individuals may subscribe directly (see back page). The journal contents are covered by *Current Contents: Clinical Practice*, *Index Medicus*, *Excerpta Medica* and *Science Citation Index*. This publication is available in 16mm and 35mm microfilm and 105mm microfiche from University Microfilms, 300 North Zeeb Road, Ann Arbor, Michigan 48106, USA.
9. For reprint information in the United States contact: International Reprint Corporation, 968 Admiral Callaghan Lane, Apt 268, PO Box 12004, Vallejo, California 94590 USA. Telephone (707) 553-9230, Fax (707) 552-9524.

*The Editorial Board is grateful to the following organisations for financial grants towards the cost of publication of the Journal:*

Royal Victoria Hospital Trust Funds

Royal Victoria Hospital Medical Staff Committee

Ulster Hospital Medical Staff Committee

Northern Ireland Council for Postgraduate Medical Education

British Medical Association, Eastern Division, Northern Ireland

---

*The Editor acknowledges the assistance of the following colleagues who have taken part in the peer review process in recent years. It is the policy of the Ulster Medical Journal to submit all articles for independent review to two expert assessors; the reports of these assessors assist the Editor in his final editorial decisions:*

IV Allen, R Atkinson, PM Bell, D Byrnes, CC Doherty, J Douglas, JM Gibson, DSM Hadden, JR Hayes, L Kennedy, A Kerr, A Lyons, R Millar, JOM Mills, G Murnaghan, NC Nevin, A O'Doherty, W Odling-Smee, TG Parks, PM Reilly, SD Roberts, CJF Russell, W Thompson, P Toner.

## THE ULSTER MEDICAL SOCIETY

Whitla Medical Building  
97 Lisburn Road  
Belfast BT9 7BL

If you are not a member of the Ulster Medical Society, we would appeal to you to give the question of joining your consideration. The Society has been in existence since 1862 (and is the direct descendant of the Belfast Medical Society founded in 1806), and has always been active in keeping its members interested in the advances in medical science. Meetings are held at intervals of a fortnight during the winter months, and papers are contributed by members and distinguished guests. Facilities are provided for doctors to meet informally afterwards, and have a cup of tea. *The Ulster Medical Journal*, the official organ of the Society, is issued to all Fellows and Members free of charge. The Society is now housed in its own rooms in the Whitla Medical Building of Queen's University at 97 Lisburn Road (replacing the Whitla Medical Institute which had to be vacated in 1965).

May we, therefore, appeal to you to join the Ulster Medical Society, and so enable us to widen its influence and sphere of usefulness still further? A proposal form is appended; your proposer and seconder must be Fellows of the Society. If you do not know any Fellows please contact the Honorary Secretary. All persons registered as medical practitioners under the Medical Act shall be eligible for election as members of the Society (Constitution, Section VI). Temporary membership may be allowed at the discretion of the Council.

If you do not wish to become a member of the Society, will you consider entering your name as a subscriber to *The Ulster Medical Journal*? The subscription is £30.00 per annum, payable in advance to the Honorary Treasurer.

C J H LOGAN, *President.*

J I LOGAN, *Hon. Secretary.*

M E CALLENDER, *Hon. Treasurer.*

**MEMBERS £10.00.** (A Member is one who is less than seven years qualified. He or she will automatically become a Fellow seven years after qualification and be liable to the higher subscription rate).

**FELLOWS — Annual subscription of Fellows £25.00.** Husbands and wives who are both Fellows will be entitled to pay a combined subscription of **£30.00.**

All Fellows and Members of the Society who have paid subscriptions for 40 years or alternatively have been a Fellow or Member for 20 years and reached the age of 65, or more, shall on application be exempt from any further subscriptions.

**TIES —** Ties bearing the crest of the Society on a background of navy, maroon, green or brown may be obtained from the Honorary Treasurer.

**SUBSCRIPTIONS:** Any individual wishing to take out a direct subscription may do so. The cost is £30.00 for one volume (two numbers) of the Journal. Please apply for a banker's order to:

THE HONORARY TREASURER,  
ULSTER MEDICAL SOCIETY,  
WHITLA MEDICAL BUILDING,  
97 LISBURN ROAD,  
BELFAST BT9 7BL,  
NORTHERN IRELAND.

**EXCHANGES:** Exchange journals and all relevant correspondence should be addressed to:

ULSTER MEDICAL JOURNAL,  
QUEEN'S UNIVERSITY MEDICAL LIBRARY,  
INSTITUTE OF CLINICAL SCIENCE,  
GROSVENOR ROAD,  
BELFAST BT12 6BJ,  
NORTHERN IRELAND.

**MEMBERSHIP:** All Registered Medical Practitioners may apply for Fellowship or Membership of the Ulster Medical Society. Applicants should complete the form below and return it to:

THE HONORARY SECRETARY,  
ULSTER MEDICAL SOCIETY,  
WHITLA MEDICAL BUILDING,  
LISBURN ROAD,  
BELFAST BT9 7BL,  
NORTHERN IRELAND.

---

**APPLICATION FOR FELLOWSHIP OR MEMBERSHIP  
OF THE ULSTER MEDICAL SOCIETY**

*Please enter your full name as recorded by the GMC.*

*This form may be photocopied.*

Forenames \_\_\_\_\_ Surname \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Postcode \_\_\_\_\_

Degrees \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Graduation \_\_\_\_\_

Proposer (Print) \_\_\_\_\_ Secondar (Print) \_\_\_\_\_

Your proposer and secondar should be Fellows or Members of the Ulster Medical Society. Please contact the Honorary Secretary if you have difficulty in finding a proposer or secondar.